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SUBJECT: UNITA SECRETARY GENERAL COMMENTS ON NAMIBIA AND CABINDA

1. N'ZAU PUNA, THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND ROVING TROUBLE SHOOTER OF UNITA, HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE ON APRIL 10 IN LOBITO AND ON APRIL 11 IN SA DA BANDEIRA. IN BOTH HE GAVE FRANK OPINIONS ON SEVERAL TOPICS.

2. PUNA RECOGNIZED LEM WITH SWAPO AND THE OVAMBOS IN SOUTHERN ANGOLA. HE SAID HE HAD REPRIMANDED UNITA MILITARY COMMANDERS AND ORDERED THEM TO MAINTAIN MORE COMPLETE CONTROL OVER THEIR TROOPS TO PREVENT A REPETITION OF THE ATTACK ON WHITES AND FARMS THAT RECENTLY OCCURRED. HE SAID ANGOLA MUST HAVE TIME TO ORGANIZE ITS AFFAIRS BEFORE IT PERMITS SWAPO TO OPERATE FROM ANGOLA, IN RECOGNITION, HE SAID, OF THE GREAT POWER OF ANGOLA'S SOUTHERN NEIGHBOR. HE

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REFERRED TO ATTEMPTS BY UNNAMED GROUPS TO FORM A BREAKAWAY

STATE IN THE CUNHAMA REGION OF SOUTHERN ANGOLA AND STATED UNITA FORCES MUST REDOUBLE ITS EFFORTS AGAINST THEM. ENGLISH AND CUNHAMA ARE NOT TO BE THE LANGUAGES OF THAT SOUTHERN REGION.

3. IN HIS APRIL 10 PRESS CONFERENCE HE TEPIDLY DEFENDED UNITA'S CHIEF IN THE SOUTH, DR ANTONIO VAKULUKUTA, AGAINST CHARGES THAT HE IS ALLIED WITH SWAPO. HE SAID HE HAD SPOKEN WITH THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNOR OF HUILA DISTRICT WHO ASSURED HIM VAKULUKUTA WAS NOT WORKING WITH SWAPO. HE DID OBLIQUELY CRITICIZE VAKULUKUTA'S LEADERSHIP, HOWEVER, BY STATING THAT NON-ANGOLAN ELEMENTS HAVE BEEN INFILTRATED INTO UNITA IN THE SOUTH AND THAT THESE ELEMENTS ARE INSUBORDINATE AND ARE PROPAGANDIZING THE CUNHAMA POPULACE AGAINST REMAINING A PART OF ANGOLA. IN HIS APRIL 11 PRESS CONFERENCE IN SA DA BANDEIRA, VALUKULUTA'S BASE OF OPERATION, PUNA AVOIDED ALL MENTION OF VALUKULUTA'S NAME AND WAS MORE OUTSPOKEN IN HIS CRITICISM OF SWAPO THAN HE HAD BEEN IN LOBITO ON THE PREVIOUS DAY.

4. PUNA, A NATIVE CABINDAN, AGAIN CALLED FOR A DIALOGUE WITH CABINDANS ON THEIR FUTURE. HE SAID IT SHOULDN'T BE NECESSARY FOR CABINDANS TO GO OVER TO FLEC FOR TRAINING AND THEN COME BACK TO FIGHT IN ANGOLA. "EVERYTHING CAN BE ARRANGED THROUGH A DIALOGUE". DECONTORL UPON RECEIPT. KILLORAN

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